



# Maryland

## Weekly Crop and Weather Report

MD-CW0207

April 9, 2007

### Snowy Conditions Delayed Planting Progress

There were 5.4 **days suitable for field work** for the week ending April 08, 2007. Cold, wet weather last week delayed some field activities. Farmers were able to make some progress with planting **green peas**, **potatoes** and **sweet corn**. Cold temperatures and snowy conditions delayed progress on planting field **corn**, **watermelons**, **cucumbers**, **snap beans**, **tomatoes** and **cantaloupes**. Fruit crops are starting to bloom with 18 percent of **peaches** and 29 percent of **strawberries** already flowered.

Small grains remain in fair to good condition. **Winter wheat** was rated 12 percent excellent, 61 percent good, 24 percent fair, 2 percent poor and 1 very poor. **Barley** was rated 7 percent excellent, 66 percent good, 26 percent fair, and 2 percent poor.

**Pasture** condition is rated 10 percent excellent, 53 percent good, 24 percent fair, and 13 percent poor. **Hay** supplies are 66 percent adequate, 24 percent short, and 10 percent very short.

### MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 8, 2007

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2002-2006
<b><u>Vegetables Planted</u></b>				
<b>Green Peas</b>	35	34	31	43
<b>Potatoes</b>	50	25	32	31
<b>Sweet Corn</b>	5	3	12	7
<b><u>Fruits Bloomed</u></b>				
<b>Peaches</b>	18	9	23	21
<b>Strawberries</b>	29	23	14	13

### SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 8, 2007

Condition by Percent	Topsoil Moisture			Subsoil Moisture		
	This Week	Last Week	Average 2002-2006	This Week	Last Week	Average 2002-2006
<b>Very Short</b>	1	1	-	0	-	-
<b>Short</b>	8	11	-	5	5	-
<b>Adequate</b>	85	81	-	88	86	-
<b>Surplus</b>	6	7	-	7	9	-

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 8, 2007

	Precipitation <sup>1</sup>			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
<b>Maryland</b>							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	0.70	9.47	-0.88	80	29	47	-4
Frederick	0.06	8.47	-0.75	81	29	47	2
Frostburg	0.70	9.92	-1.41	79	19	41	-3
Hagerstown	0.24	4.98	-4.05	79	26	46	-4
Mechanicsville	0.60	9.67	-2.07	83	28	49	-3
Patuxent River	0.27	7.64	-2.70	83	28	50	-3
Ocean City	0.44	8.62	-4.02	69	28	47	-5
Salisbury	0.01	10.26	-1.91	81	23	48	-4
Sharpsburg	0.05	8.91	-0.31	82	25	47	2
Stevensville	0.73	9.97	-0.83	79	29	47	-4
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.40	8.33	-0.99	82	29	50	-4
<b>Delaware</b>							
Dover	0.93	8.12	-2.95	78	30	46	-6
Georgetown	0.96	10.09	-1.68	80	30	47	-3
Wilmington	1.01	11.00	0.75	79	28	46	-4

<sup>1</sup> Precipitation totals as of 7 A.M. on recorded date.  
Weather Data is provided by the Agricultural Weather Information Service, Auburn, Alabama and is considered preliminary.